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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 4537

E.O. 11652: GDS
LQAGS: OVIP, PGOV, PK, AV
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT RETURNS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 3982 (B) ISLAMABAD A-52

1. PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT FAZAL ELAHI CHAUDHRY RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD MAY 7 AFTER HIS ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP IN VIENNA (REFTEL). HE HAS PLUNGED INTO HIS OFFICIAL ROUND OF DUTIES, TRAVEL, AND CEREMONY, AND WE ASSUME THAT THE TEMPORARY APPOINTEES (REFS), WHO FILLED IN FOR EACH OTHER UP AND DOWN THE LINE WILL NOW RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS OCCUPATIONS, THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO THE SUPREME COURT AND THE TEMPORARY SITTER ON THE SUPREME COURT BACK TO THE LAHORE HIGH COURT BENCH.

2. COMMENT: CHAUDHRY'S RETURN SHOULD ALSO LAY TO REST SOME FIERCE RUMOR-MONGERING IN THIS CAPITAL, ALL OF IT FOCUSED UPON HIS ALLEGED UNHAPPINESS IN OFFICE, HIS ANXIETY ABOUT THE FUTURE, AND PARTICULARLY, THE LIFE-OR-DEATH DECISION HE MAY FACE ON
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FORMER PRIMIN BHUTTO.

3. AT THE MOMENT, WE SEE NO SIGNS THAT HE WILL STEP DOWN; ALL SIGNS POINT, IN FACT, TO HIS BEING REQUESTED TO STAY ON BEYOND THE END OF HIS TERM IN AUGUST AS A "CONTINUITY" GESTURE BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION.
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